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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All Participants:

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Date of Interview: 18 February 2009

Time: 4:10PM

Type of Interview:

- Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description: .

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

ALL

Claims discussed:

1-4

Prior art documents discussed:

ART OF RECORD

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/Victor MacArthur/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3679

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

The examiner noted that the suggested amendment filed 2/3/2009 had antecedent basis and double inclusion problems. The examiner suggested an examiner's amendment including the following further changes: Deleting "in the rotation direction" (line 18 of proposed claim 1), Replacing "deformation poriton of the ball seat"(lines 18-19 of proposed claim 1) with --annular resin elements--; and canceling claims 2-4. The applicant's representative agreed to contact the applicant to request approval for such further amendment.